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5 **Applicant:** Alok Srivastava **Confirmation No.:** 6477
 Application No: 10/798,545 **Group Art Unit:** 2161
 Filed: 3/11/2004 **Examiner:** Paul Kim
10 **Title:** *Method and apparatus for integrating data from external sources into a database system*

15 Commissioner for Patents
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

20 **Status of the prosecution**

 An RCE in the above patent application was filed on 10/6/2008; claims 1-28 are pending. Applicants received a first Office action in the RCE on 11/20/2008; in the Office action, Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103
25 as obvious over the combination of Levy, U.S. Patent 5,995,961, and Tene, U.S. Patent 6,928,463; the remaining claims were rejected over the combination of Levy, Tene, and Official Notice. Applicants are traversing the rejection because Tene's priority date makes it unavailable as a reference against the above patent application.

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Traversal

35 As pointed out in the *Cross-references to related applications*, the present patent application is a divisional of USSN 09/429,839, now U.S. Patent 6,735,598, issued May 11, 2004. The filing date for 6,735,598 is October 29, 1999. The priority date for Tene is July 6, 2001. Consequently, Tene is not available as a reference against the present patent application and Examiner's rejection of Applicants' claims under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over the combination of Levy and Tene or Levy, Tene, and Official Notice is without basis.

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No fees are believed to be required for this amendment. Should any be, please charge them to deposit account number 501315.

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